GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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INTRUSION OF PAKISTANI FISHERMEN
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of incidents of intrusion of Pakistani fishermen by Pakistani Navy in Western Coast have been reported during 1999, 2000 and 2001;

(b) whether these intruders are supplying arms, ammunition and narcotics etc. in the country to terrorists;

(c) whether the Government have taken some effective steps to protect Western Coast connecting Maharashtra from such intrusion;

(d) whether such issues are proposed to be discussed with Pakistani President in future as and when an occasion of meeting with him is organised; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No incident of intrusion of Pakistani fishermen by Pakistani Navy in Western Coast has come to notice.However, details of the Pakistani fishing boats etc apprehended by Coast Guard in Indian Waters are as under:-

Year	Boat	Crew
1999	06	68
2000	16	180
2001	02	25

(b) None of the fishing vessels/boats apprehended by Coast Guard was found to be carrying any arms/ammunition/narcotics.

(c) Coast Guard in coordination with the Navy undertake patrol off Western Coast as a part of ongoing operation for coastal security.

(d) & (e): The Government is committed to discuss all issues with Pakistan at appropriate level as and when the talks are resumed.